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Editorial Comment

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IT IS ONE COUNTRY

(The Dallas Texas Morning News)

Harry F. Byrd of Virginia is a statesman from a commonwealth that has furnished the country with a disproportionate number of statesmen. In particular, Senator Byrd's pro osal to make economy a joint policy of the Republican and Democratic parties is more than passing wisdom. It goes to the roots of national interest, and, indeed, of national survival.

There was, for a time, a silly theory going about that the national debt really didn't mean anything since we simply owed it to each other. How silly it is, your fourth-grade student can see, if you ask him what would happen if all employees of the United States government, from postman to four-star general, should be asked to work for nothing—since we all just owe it to each other, anyhow.

Nations, as well as individuals, have income and outgo; nations as well as individuals can go bankrupt; and, when a nation does go bankrupt, writing off its liabilities writes off its sovereignty, too. The Greeks, for example, simply owe each other. That is a large part of the trouble with most of Europe today.

As we start out under the Truman plan, to act as temporary receivers in bankruptcy of Greece, and perhaps of some other countries, we must get our own financial house in order. It has been out of order now for seventeen years. For seventeen years we haven't been able to pay our bills out of our receipts. With heavy expenditures abroad facing us, it is poor patriotism to jockey politically over where the money is coming from while we join political support in a bi-partisan agreement on where we intend to use the money abroad.

Democratic support for the Byrd proposal should be prompt and sincere. The New Deal chose spending as a remedy. But some remedies are habit -forming. Extravagence happens to be an evil of that kind.

TELESCOPED LIVING

(Lowden, Iowa, News

The new compact homes are very convenient. To go from the living room to the bedroom, you just stand where you are.

RUMOR EXAGGERATED

(Hurley, Wis. Miner)

People who think the ar of conversation dead merely have to sit in a movie audience during a picture.

THE CHILDREN'S PAL

(St. Louis Post Dispatch)

Every child who has been sent back to the bathroom to wash his neck owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Gene Weltfish of Columbia University. I., Weltfish says that it may not be dirt that colors a child's neck darker than his face, but a chemical element called melanin.

Now if Dr. Weltfish can explain away those smudges behind the ears as being due to vitamin A, and the chocolaty look around the mouth as an indication of good, healthy red corpuscles, he will be the greatest benefactor of childhood since the inventor of the ice cream cone.

Self-sacrifice, not self-seeking, is the cornerstone of a sound home.

Great men are often those who think well of matters others hold ridiculous.

Supreme Court rules against the states on tidewater oil issue.

Large number of coal mines close after vote on anti-labor bill.

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Our Heritage From Ancient Israel

LESSON TEXT FOR JUNE 29—Psalm 119:105; Isaiah 2:2-4; Micah 6:1-8.

MEMORY SELECTION—He will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.—Isaiah 2:3.

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By HAROLD I. LUNDQUIST, D. D. S. Of The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

AT THE end of the road the Hebrew nation may have—yes, should have—stopped to look back and see what it had accomplished. Israel was now in exile, to return only in part, and with greatly limited greatness and glory.

What was God's purpose for Israel? It was threefold:

(1) To be a repository for his truth in the earth.

(2) To be a channel for the coming of the personal Redeemer to the earth.

(3) To be a national witness to the one true God to the other nations of the earth.

The first two they fulfilled. They kept for us the Word of God as revealed in the Old Testament, and from their nation came most of the men through whom the Holy Spirit wrote the New Testament. It was through their nation that the Son of God came as Jesus of Nazareth, our Saviour and Lord.

But they failed to be the witness that God had meant them to be—and for this they came under his judgment.

Were they then a complete failure? Certainly not—our lesson makes that clear in three ways. Teachers will find the scriptures not too well selected, but they do serve as a background for these thoughts. The nation Israel showed us:

I. The Enlightening Word of God (Ps. 119:105).

LET us never forget that the precious Word of God, which is our light on the way through this dark world, came to us through Jewish hands.

The Old Testament, which we come to appreciate more and more as we grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord, was committed to Israel by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and preserved by the Jewish nation even at the cost of their own lives. Nothing was more precious to them than the sacred Scripture. We owe them a great debt of gratitude, and ought to honor them for their service to God and man.

We may say then that the Bible, unsurpassed in all the world of literature, and beyond comparison as the guiding light for man's heart and life, was given to us through Israel. We could well say a hearty "Thank you" for that right now if we have never done it before!

II. The Exalted Worship of God (Isa. 2:2-4).

THE prophet looks into the future to that glorious and blessed day when the nations shall have learned to live in peace and righteousness, when war shall be no more, and the worship of God shall be the desire and the joy of men.

When will that day come? Will it be brought in by the efforts of the church, or by conferences of national leaders? Not for a moment would we minimize the value of every true effort to spread peace and righteousness through the earth. We honor those who faithfully try to bring concord in the affairs of men.

But the clear-teaching of Scripture, which has been so abundantly proved by experience, is that we can expect the delightful condition of which Isaiah speaks only when the Prince of Peace himself has returned to reign, namely, our Lord and Saviour and coming King, Jesus Christ. We look for that day!

In that blessed time Israel shall worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, even as their history under the hand of God in days past was one of true worship of the Lord.

Here again they made an enduring contribution to the life of the world. Then note their witness to

III. The Effective Work of God (Mic. 6:1-8).

WE HAVE here words of another Hebrew prophet. He speaks of God's plain dealings with his people, his judgment upon their sin, and the need of a careful and a worthy walk before him.

Back of all the admonition and appeal is the remembrance of how God had worked on behalf of Israel, delivering them from bondage, giving them effective leaders, going before them in battle, in fact, proving his goodness and love by his mighty works.

Israel's service for God and man is an example of what God can and will do for those who obey him and walk with him. It is equally true that they thus reveal the inevitable judgment which comes upon a sinful and disobedient nation. Let us not miss that lesson, for we need it today.

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The bride was given in marriage by her brother. She wore a white linen suit with white accessories and carried a white Testament and orchid. Miss Lili Cooper was maid of honor, her only attendant. She wore a green garbadine suit with straw colored accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. After the ceremony the couple left for Virginia Beach, where they will spend the summer.

Miss Jackie Coleman will leave Sunday for a two week's vacation in Newport News with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Booker and Russel Booker,of Grand Rapids, Michigan, are spending this week with Mrs. John R. Booker.

Mr. and Mrs. Westley Smith, of Roanoke spent the week-end in the homeof Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Paul Brown.

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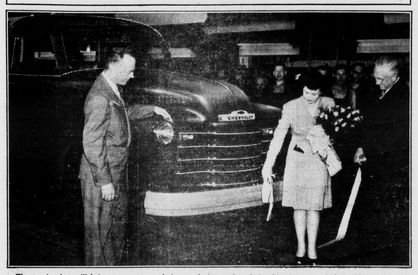

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(Omitted last week)

An appreciative audience attended the regular preaching services at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Shelton, missionary of the Hasidiah Baptist Association, was the guest speaker. The church choir rendered special music. The offering during the day was very good.

The Young Mens Business Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis last Friday evening, with Robert Watson as host. All present enjoyed the evening.

Mrs. Chassie Jackson, of Bluefield, W. Va., spent the week-end here as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Patterson.

County Agent G. L. James left last Tuesday with three youths for the State 4-H Short Course at Virginia State College.

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